

The Education Abroad Program Office wants to hear about your experience abroad! Tell us about your experience by filling out the *Return Student Report for Exchanges/Summer Programs*. Your feedback will be used to help us improve programs and services and be a valuable resource for future students who are interested in studying abroad.

The Return Student Report consists of two parts:

- Part A: Participant Information
- Part B: Exchange/Summer Program Information

Part A will not be made public. Part B will be made public and available online to future students interested in learning more about the education abroad process and program. Education Abroad Program will preserve your anonymity by not revealing your name or any personal details.

## Part A

### Participant Information

Please provide the following information.

Name:			
Student Status:	<input type="checkbox"/> Domestic <input type="checkbox"/> International	Home Institution:	
Faculty:		Degree Status:	<input type="checkbox"/> Undergraduate <input type="checkbox"/> Graduate
Major/Minor:			
Current Year of Study	<input type="checkbox"/> 1st <input type="checkbox"/> 2nd <input type="checkbox"/> 3rd <input type="checkbox"/> 4th <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> N/A		

## Part B

### Exchange/Summer Program Information

Please provide the following details related to your Education Abroad Program

Host Institution:			
City/Town:		Country:	
Exchange/Summer Program Period:	From: (mm/dd/yyyy)	To: (mm/dd/yyyy)	
What immigration documents (e.g. student visa, residence permits etc.) are required to study at your host institution?			
What issues (if any) did you encounter while obtaining these immigration documents?			
What tips would you give to future students regarding required immigration documents?			

### Languages

What was the language(s) of instruction at your host institution? <i>Check all that apply</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Dutch <input type="checkbox"/> Korean <input type="checkbox"/> English <input type="checkbox"/> French <input type="checkbox"/> German <input type="checkbox"/> Spanish <input type="checkbox"/> Mandarin <input type="checkbox"/> Japanese <input type="checkbox"/> Swedish <input type="checkbox"/> Portuguese <input type="checkbox"/> Norwegian <input type="checkbox"/> Finnish <input type="checkbox"/> Italian <input type="checkbox"/> Turkish Other _____
Were there adequate course offerings taught in English for your field of study?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A
Prior to your departure, did you take any language courses at your home institution?	
Did taking a course in the language of your host country impact your learning experience? Did your instructor make any accommodations?	

### Academia

Please describe the course registration process at your host institution

- Were you able to pre-register in Canada?
- Did you receive any assistance from your host institution?
- Did your course registration change upon arrival? If so, why?

What is your suggestion(s) for making an effective academic plan at the host institution (e.g. number of courses per term, etc.)?

Please describe the credit and grading system at your host institution (eg. ETCS)

How was your overall academic experience (e.g. teaching style, class structure and sizes, amount of coursework, assessment) in comparison to your home institution?

How did you obtain a transcript for coursework completed at your host institution?

## Student Services

Please describe the type of facilities (e.g. library, internet/Wi-Fi, computer labs, bookstore, gym, health clinic, counseling services) available at your host institution

To the best of your knowledge, what support and services are available at your host institution for:

- Students with disabilities or special needs
- Students identifying as LGBTQ

Please describe where you could find student advising or academic counseling at your host institution

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### Housing Information

What housing options are available to students at your host institution?	
What type of housing did you stay in?	<input type="checkbox"/> On-campus residences <input type="checkbox"/> Off-campus housing <input type="checkbox"/> A host family <input type="checkbox"/> Other:
How satisfied were you with your housing choice?	<input type="checkbox"/> 1 = Not at all satisfied <input type="checkbox"/> 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 5 = Very satisfied
What should future students be aware of when choosing on-campus residences? <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Application process for housing</i></li><li>• <i>Utilities and furniture</i></li><li>• <i>Meal plans, cooking facilities</i></li><li>• <i>Housing rules (e.g. curfew, how early can you move in, closure during major holidays etc.)</i></li><li>• <i>Assistance from host institution staff (e.g. airport pick-up, orientation)</i></li></ul>	
What should future students be aware of when choosing off-campus housing? <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Lease agreements, deposits, tenant rights</i></li><li>• <i>Utilities and furniture</i></li><li>• <i>Location and neighbourhoods</i></li><li>• <i>Safety and security</i></li><li>• <i>Type of resources available to look for housing (eg: Craigslist)</i></li></ul>	

### Student Life

What would you recommend to future students who are looking to meet other students at your host institution? (e.g. extra-curricular activities such as student groups, intramurals, residence events and activities, volunteering opportunities, etc.)

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What work or internship opportunities are available for students on and/or off campus?

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### Health and Safety

Are there any specific health/safety issues that future students should be made aware of? What precautions can you recommend to mitigate or eliminate these issues?

### Cultural Adaptation

What cultural differences (if any) did you find particularly challenging?

What parts of your host country's culture did you most appreciate?

What are your recommendations for effective communication with the people in your host country?

### Costs and Budgeting

Please describe your basic costs in Canadian dollars. This will help future exchange/summer program students plan their own budgets.

Airfare to host country	\$	Brief Description	
Visa fees	\$	Brief Description	
Books/term	\$	Brief Description	
Accommodation/month	\$	Brief Description	
Meals/month	\$	Brief Description	
Health insurance/month	\$	Brief Description	
Local transportation/month	\$	Brief Description	
Personal spending/month	\$	Brief Description	
Communications/month (e.g. phone)	\$	Brief Description	
Other travel	\$	Brief Description	
What unexpected costs did you encounter?			

## Funding your International Experience

Please indicate how you financed your program. This will help future students plan their own budgets. *Check all that apply.*

- Scholarships from UAlberta
- Scholarships from Host Institution
- Student loans
- Family contributions

- Personal savings
- Employment while in host country
- Other:

## Final Thoughts

What were the highlights of your experience abroad?

Would you recommend your education abroad program to other students? Why or why not?

Please provide any final information/tips for students interested in studying abroad that you would like to share.

## Thank You for Completing the Report

Thank you for taking the time to share your experience. Your opinion is important to us and will help enhance the programs and services for students working abroad.

To submit this report, please email the form to [goabroad@ualberta.ca](mailto:goabroad@ualberta.ca).

**Protection of Privacy** - The personal information requested on this form is collected under the authority of Section 33 (c) of the *Alberta Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* and will be protected under Part 2 of that Act. It will be used for the purpose of managing the consent for disclosure of personal information process. Part B will be made available on the Education Abroad Program website to help future students learn more about the study abroad process and the program you chose. The Education Abroad Program will preserve your anonymity by keeping your name, student ID and any personal details separate.

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Full Name:

Date (mm/dd/yy):